



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Protocol for Access to Tissue Specimen Samples from the National Marine Mammal Tissue Bank**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on January 13, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

*Title:* Protocol for Access to Tissue Specimen Samples from the National Marine Mammal Tissue Bank

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0468.

*Form Number(s):* None

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (extension of a current information collection)

*Number of Respondents:* 35

*Average Hours Per Response:* National Marine Mammal Tissue Bank Tissue Request Form, 3 hours; National Marine Mammal Tissue Bank Form, 45 minutes.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 98

*Needs and Uses:* The purpose of this collection of information is to enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to allow the scientific community the

opportunity to request tissue specimen samples from the National Marine Mammal Tissue Bank (NMMTB), as well as for tissue samples to be submitted. This information collection is being renewed to enable the Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program (MMHSRP) of NOAA to assemble information on all specimens submitted to the National Institute of Standards and Technology's National Biomonitoring Specimen Bank (Bank), which includes the NMMTB.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government; Federal government.

*Frequency:* Reporting (on occasion)

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Under 16 U.S.C. 1421f section 407(d)(1) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the NMFS must establish criteria for access to marine mammal tissues in the NMMTB and make those available for public comment and review.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648-0468.

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